

Birthday Dinner.

Mrs. B. F. Spencer had a birthday on last Thursday and her daughters planned to give her a little surprise, so soon after breakfast Mrs. Leonard sent her carriage for Mrs. Spencer to come and spend the morning with her in a quiet little way that would be pleasant for both of them.

So the good mother, little thinking she was the victim of a ruse, got in the carriage and departed for the Leonard home, leaving the coast clear for the happy daughters who were so eagerly planning to surprise "mother". When 11:30 came Mrs. Leonard took her guest home, doing the driving herself, and just imagine if you can Mrs. Spencer's surprise upon reaching home, to find the house full of company and a number of lovely presents all for her, in honor of her birthday. And no one enjoyed the happy day more, than the hostess, who remained the guest of honor throughout the day.

The ever thoughtful daughters, had provided the elegant dinner and invited the friends all unknown to the mother, who no doubt felt upon this day, more than ever before, that she was thrice blessed in the gift of her children.

Those present were Mesdames Abiel Leonard, E. V. Dobyns, W. R. Dobyns, John Hall and Miss Buckland.

Nutting Party.

Last Saturday was a lovely day for a ramble in the woods. The leaves on the grand old forest trees were in their prime, with their coats of many colors. A party of young and happy maidens took advantage of the day and after dressing themselves in their outing costumes and packing the big basket of dinner away in a safe spot, they all started to Mr. John Moorland's farm, some 4 miles east of town, where they had a happy old day, with not a boy in sight, and returned late in the afternoon with baskets of hickory nuts to remind them of a pleasant October day.

The party was composed of the following young ladies: Misses Katherine Eubank, Celeste Sandridge, Bettie Mason, Dora Leonard, Maidie Montague and Nellie Rose.

Entertained.

Dr. M. F. Ming, who is one of the most appreciative of gentlemen and a charming host, entertained a number of lady friends recently.

The fact about it is, Dr. Ming

understands better than most men the immense amount of labor involved, in making the flowers for the flower parade, which was so beautiful and such a credit to the ladies of Marshall; and as his own conveyance carried off one of the premiums, he returned the compliment by inviting the young ladies, who shared the honors with him, to supper on Thursday evening at Schneter's cafe. The affair was nicely planned and resulted in a most pleasant evening all around. The company was composed of Misses Nettie Kelly, Callie Gaudin, Lulu Mackey, J. S. Kelly and wife, Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Manning.

The menu for the occasion was as follows: 1st, oysters; 2nd, shrimp salad and celery; 3rd, broiled spring chicken, peas, Saratoga chips, wafers and punch; 4th, macaroons and coffee; 5th, cigars.

Presbyterial Union.

The Presbyterial Missionary Union of the Lafayette Presbytery, met at Corder, Mo., this week, beginning Tuesday, and continuing three days. Marshall societies were well represented. Misses Sadie Buckland and Sue Newton, represented the young ladies society, Mrs. Manrice Hagedorn, The Ellen Bowen, and Miss Mamie Lee Sparks, the Cheerful Givers. A number of ladies from the Presbyterial church of this city, attended the meeting and are loud in their praises of the good people of Corder, who entertain in a most hospitable manner, while the meetings, that were well attended, afforded much pleasure as well as profitable instruction.

Mesdames Sam Davis, C. N. Parent, J. VanDyke and Hebe McDaniel, were among those who attended.

A November Wedding.

Cards have been received to the wedding of Miss Lena Nichols of Kansas City, and Mr. Stephen A. Lind of Colorado Springs, to take place at the home of the bride in Kansas City Nov. 1st. Miss Nichols is a niece of Mrs. G. W. Crouch and is one of the most attractive young ladies that has ever visited in our city, who in her frequent visits has made many friends, who all join with the Republican in wishing for the young couple a long and happy life.

Mrs. Lulu Waterhouse and daughter, Mrs. Emma Fox, of Vandalia, arrived Saturday from Bates City, where they have been visiting.

Thrown From a Horse.

Last Thursday evening, about 6 o'clock as Philo King in company with Emory Marks, a boy about 12 years of age, were delivering the Democrat News, they happened to an accident that might have proved fatal. It seems that Philo was teaching the boy Marks as to where his territory, for delivering the paper would be in the future.

They were both riding Philo's spirited blue roan pony, who objected to carrying double, and when near the old Northern Methodist church on North St., the pony began to jump and finally ran into Mr. Broughton's wagon, with such force that she broke off the hind wheel and burst a blood vessel, from which she died in a very few minutes.

When young King was thrown, he alighted on the back of his head and grave fears were entertained for a few minutes as to the results, but Dr. Gore was called and pronounced the injury, while very painful, not serious. However the young man was confined to his bed for several days, but has about recovered at this writing. Emory Marks escaped with slight bruises.

A Peculiar Tree.

Three miles south of Salisbury stands a tree that is certainly a natural curiosity. To all appearances it is an old fashioned black walnut tree, and on one side is a fine crop of walnuts, while the other side is full of hickory nuts and white oak acorns. This mixing up the vegetable world causes astonishment to every beholder, and the enterprising owner might make a fortune by transporting the entire tree to the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1903, and charging an admittance fee of ten cents a head for those curious enough to wish to see it. The world is full of the marvels of nature, and when the old dame once becomes freaky, she can show forth wonders in all her kingdoms. —Salisbury Press-Spectator.

A Runaway Team Causes Much Excitement.

There was considerable excitement on the square Saturday evening about 5:30 o'clock, caused by a runaway team belonging to Jack Hurt of the county, which became frightened in the southern part of town, caused by the crippling pin flying out of the wagon as they crossed Jackson street. The separating of the wagon causing

the horses to run, which they did to perfection, going toward the square. They ran into Jesse Marr's buggy just south of the New York Store, breaking it all to pieces, and the square being full of vehicles, it seems a miracle that many persons were not killed. The horses were stopped in front of Newton & Leonard's, where they slipped and fell on the wet asphalt, throwing one buggy up onto the pavement in their fall, but no one was hurt. Mr. Newton's buggy standing in front of his office, was damaged slightly.

Had Bought Stolen Property.

A liveryman from Warrensburg by the name of Whitfield was in Glasgow this week looking for a team of horses and a buggy that were stolen. The thief turned out to be a woman, who hired the rig last March and drove to Glasgow, where she traded the horses to John Minor, and the buggy to a woman by the name of Mrs. Schaefer, who lives on the Saline county side. The thief, thinking the matter had blown over, returned to Warrensburg, and was promptly arrested and is now in jail. Through the efforts of City Constable John Morgan, the horses and buggy were located—one horse at Macon City and one at Dick Jones' in Chariton, and the buggy as above stated. This locality is not a very healthy resort for thieves and evil doers, as our officers are always on the alert. —Glasgow Missourian.

Barn Burned.

We were sorry indeed, to learn that Judge Robert Smith living some 7 miles north of town, lost his large barn by fire on Saturday night about 10:30. The barn contained considerable grain of various kinds, farm implements, etc., and a fine horse was burned to death.

The fire was not discovered until too late to save the barn or the contents, and had the wind been high, the entire premises would have been destroyed.

Fish Fry.

The following gentlemen attended the fish fry, given by the I. O. O. F., on Thursday night at the home of John Whittleton living near Shackelford, when one of the most delightful evenings in the history of the Lodge was spent. The fish were cooked to perfection, which is certainly a compliment to the cook, as the fewest of people understand the art of frying fish. Messrs E. D. Martin, John Booth, John Pickett, Will Shantz, Pat Loftis and Robert Ewell.